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THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

of the

(Original)

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

of

NORTH CAROLINA

Fifth Annual Session

held with

Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church

Cramerton, North Carolina

July 30, 31, 1948

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The next session will be held Friday before the first Sunday in
August, 1949, with the Entwistle Free Will Baptist
Church, East Rockingham, North Carolina

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Walter Carter, Moderator -----	Rockingham, N. C.
O. M. Hilburn, Vice-Moderator -----	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Sherman H. Oakes, Clerk -----	West Gastonia, N. C.
L. S. Gray, Reading Clerk -----	McAdenville, N. C.
Dees Hunsucker, Treasurer -----	Kannapolis, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Walter Carter -----	Rockingham, N. C.
O. M. Hilburn -----	Elizabeth City, N. C.
Sherman H. Oakes -----	West Gastonia, N. C.
L. S. Gray -----	McAdenville, N. C.
Dees Hunsucker -----	Kannapolis, N. C.
E. O. Connelly -----	Forest City, N. C.
L. M. Pierce -----	Gastonia, N. C.

ORDINATION COUNCIL

Wade H. Calvert, Chairman -----	North Belmont, N. C.
L. H. Clayton -----	Kannapolis, N. C.
J. B. Starnes -----	Kannapolis, N. C.
Dewey Tilley -----	Kannapolis, N. C.
L. S. Gray -----	McAdenville, N. C.

TRUSTEES

E. O. Connelly -----	Forest City, N. C.
L. H. Clayton -----	Kannapolis, N. C.
L. S. Gray -----	McAdenville, N. C.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Wade H. Calvert, Moderator -----	North Belmont, N. C.
Noah Brown, Vice-Moderator -----	Rockingham, N. C.
Sherman H. Oakes, Clerk -----	West Gastonia, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

E. W. O'Dell, President -----	Belmont, N. C.
M. T. Sparks, Secretary -----	Forest City, N. C.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Roy Rickard, President -----	Belmont, N. C.
Miss Hazel Dawkins, Secretary -----	Rockingham, N. C.
Mrs. Katie Brigman, Treasurer -----	Rockingham, N. C.

F. W. B. LEAGUE

D. L. Benton, Field Secretary -----	Kannapolis, N. C.
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C O N S T I T U T I O N

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Piedmont Association of the (Original) Free Will Baptist Church.

Article 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected annually by the Free Will Baptist churches cooperating with this association and ministers who are members of this association.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Article 4. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members over one hundred.

Article 5. The churches cooperating with this Association shall send by the hands of their delegates a full account of all work done by them during the year and all such statistics and information as will be interesting and helpful.

Article 6. This Association shall meet once a year at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the preceding session, or by its Executive Board.

Article 7. The Executive Board shall consist of three members elected by the Association, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years. The associational officials are members ex-officio of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have interim authority.

Article 8. Ministers in good standing in our sister associations may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and his name enrolled in our minutes.

Article 9. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to represent by letter or delegate.

Article 10. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as presents Christ as an all sufficient Saviour, having salvation possible to every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

Article 11. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

Article 12. This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of this association by a two-thirds vote of the delegates attending such meeting, provided that a notice of such change shall have been given during the first sitting of said meeting after permanent organization.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Associational officials are to be elected by ballot system.

The Ordination Council is to be elected by the Association.

The Ordination Council is to consist of five members and has interim authority to ordain ministers and has charge of investigations of ministers.

The Ordination Council must report its work annually to the Association.

The Executive Board is to make an annual report to the Association.

The Treatise of Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptist is to be used.

The Body sponsors the Minister's Conference.

The body sponsors the Sunday School Convention.

The body sponsors the Women's Auxiliary Convention.

The body sponsors the F. W. B. League Convention.
The Six-Point program of the State Association approved.
The indefinite Pastor call approved.
When a church calls the Ordination Council it is to pay their expenses.
When the Association sends them it pays their expense.
The Executive Board has charge of the Association Home Mission or Church Extension and the Associational Education Program.
The churches are to send their home mission money to the Piedmont Home Mission Treasurer, Clyde Cox, % Walter Carter, P. O. Box 261, Rockingham, N. C.
The Moderator is to be elected at the close of the session. The clerk and treasurer after the delegates are seated.
The Churches sending preachers and delegates to the association are to pay for their board; the host-church will provide all the sleeping quarters they can, and arrange for rooms that may be rented.
Minute Fund changed to General fund, and the churches that are able requested to send ten dollars.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION—JULY 30, 1948

Free Will Baptist of the Piedmont Association gathered in Annual Session with the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, N. C., on Friday, July 30, 1948, and promptly at 10:00 o'clock, Moderator, Elder E. O. Connelly called to devotionals.

Elder J. B. Starnes led the body in song. The Association sang "I Know I Have Religion."

Elder L. M. Pierce conducted the devotional.

Elder J. B. Starnes led in prayer.

The Moderator declared the house in order for business.

It was voted by the Association to elect the Moderator to serve until the adjournment of the 1949 session, and hereafter to elect a Moderator at the close of the Association.

The Associational officials were elected as follows: Elder Walter Carter, Moderator; Elder O. M. Hilburn, Vice-Moderator; Elder Sherman H. Oakes, Clerk; Elder L. S. Gray, Reading Clerk; Brother Dees Hunsucker, Treasurer.

Minutes of 1947 approved.

After song and prayer, Elder J. A. Evans, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, delivered the introductory sermon.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage, and \$50.50 was received.

The Association adjourned to meet for business at 2:00 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After song service devotionals were conducted by Elder J. B. Starnes. Sister Allie Hunsucker led in prayer.

The Moderator declared the house in order for business.

Brother J. G. Teasley, Manager-Treasurer Cragmont Assembly at Black

Mountain, represented the Assembly. Talks were made by Elders Oakes, Pool, Evans, and Hilburn, relative to the Assembly.

Resolution was passed that each adult contribute \$1.00 and each child contribute 25c annually to the Cragmont Assembly. The first delegate from each church designated a committee to receive this contribution and forward to J. G. Teasley, Cragmont Assembly, Black Mountain, N. C.

Two Executive Board members were elected: Elder E. O. Connelly two years; Elder L. M. Pierce one year.

Church letters are to be received without reading, as they can be read in the annual minutes.

The following churches were received into the Association: Lowell Free Will Baptist Church, St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church, and Wayside Free Will Baptist Church. The Free Will Baptist Tabernacle referred to the Executive Board for investigation.

West Over Free Will Baptist Church asked for dismissal. This was referred to the Executive Board. The Board reported after conferring with the pastor and delegates, that they decided to take a few weeks for consideration. The Executive Board is to grant their dismissal if they finally decide to withdraw.

Minister's reports were received.

Sunday School and League reports were received.

Church letters with reports were received and adopted.

Home Mission Treasurer's report received and approved.

Associational treasurer's report received and approved.

Elder J. J. Brooks to be paid \$25.00 for clerical work last year and the present clerk to be paid \$25.00 for this year.

The associational treasurer to be paid 7½c per mile for necessary travel to discharge the duty of his office.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Women's Auxiliary—Mrs. Roy Rickard, Mrs. Eura Oakes, Zenobia Allen.

F. W. B. League—Paul Davis, Hazel Dawkins, Bessie Howell.

Missions—E. O. Connelly, B. J. Sawyer, Dewey Tilley.

Sunday School—Nathan Holt, L. D. Gray, O. H. Beasley.

Education—Sherman H. Oakes, J. J. Brooks, Fred Seaboot.

Superannuation—O. M. Hilburn, Wade Calvert, J. E. Floyd.

Obituary—J. B. Starnes, R. P. Sawyer, O. W. Cleary.

Temperance—J. J. Smith, L. M. Pierce, W. T. Bass.

Ministerial Support—Herbert Rickard, Mildred Thompson, Kathleen Quinn.

Periodicals—Roy Rickard, Jess Cannon, Maggie Ford.

Finance—D. D. Hunsucker, Rev. Hobbs, L. H. Clayton, J. P. Langly.

Friday evening message was delivered by Elder Paul Jenkins, of the Western Association. The message was apt and timely.

Adjourned to meet at 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

The service opened with a song, Elder Edd Rees conducted the devotional.

The Moderator declared the house in order for business.

The churches sending preachers and delegates to the association are to pay for their entertainment. The host-church is to furnish all the free sleeping quarters they can, and make arrangements for rooms that can be rented.

Elder D. L. Benton elected Field Secretary of the F. W. B. League and authorized to organize a district convention.

The State's Six-Point Program to be supported, excepting Home Mission money to be sent to Clyde Cox, Box 261, Rockingham, N. C.

Recommend that the Minister's Conference, give one hour to the Women's Auxiliary and at the annual Minister's Conference give the afternoon.

The Executive Board and Ordination Council presented the following:

I. A Bible course satisfactory to the Ordaining Council required as a requisite for ordination.

II. If a minister cannot meet the standard and shows satisfactory fruits in his ministry, he may be ordained.

III. A minister must be a tither in order to be ordained.

This qualification bill was adopted by the Association.

Discussions on nominations and motions limited to two minutes in this session.

Word Minute Fund changed to General Fund. And churches that are able requested to send ten dollars with church letter.

Offering taken for Wayside Free Will Baptist Church. Forty dollars and twenty-two cents was given.

Offering taken for host-pastor. Ten dollars and eleven cents was given. Host-pastor, Roy Rickard, gave this offering also to Wayside Free Will Baptist Church.

Wayside church and pastor, C. B. Hopkins, were received into the Association.

The Executive Board authorized to put a minister at King's Mountain to organize a church. And give a deed for a church site on the front of the Piedmont Association Assembly Ground. The deed is to have a reverting clause to the Association if it ceases to be used as a Free Will Baptist Church of the Piedmont Association.

The following delegates were elected to the State Convention: Mrs. Roy Rickard, Mrs. Thelma Dawkins, Hubert Rickard.

Ordaining Council was elected as follows: Wade H. Calvert, Dewey Tilly, J. B. Starnes, L. H. Clayton, and L. S. Gray.

The Association elected Wade H. Calvert Chairman of Ordination Council.

MISSION REPORT—

Seeing the great need of home and foreign missions, we recommend that our pastors and churches give the cause of missions careful consideration. Christ said, "Go you into all the world and preach the gospel to every crea-

ture." We further recommend that the Association cooperate with the State and National mission program.

B. L. Sawyer,
E. O. Connelly,
Dewey Tilley.

EDUCATION REPORT—

We recommend that our ministers do their best to prepare themselves; as it is a sin not to take advantage of opportunities to better qualify. All that can should attend our Bible College at Nashville, Tenn.

Our churches should put forth an effort to better train our Sunday school officials and teachers.

Sherman H. Oakes,
J. J. Brooks,
Fred Seaboot.

MINISTERIAL REPORT—

A pastor should be paid a reasonable salary, so he can have proper means to carry on his office. He deserves proper food and clothes for himself and family. And the church should provide proper living quarters.

Mildred Thompson,
Herbert Rickard,
Kathleen Quinn.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT—

In view of the fact that we have several aged ministers on the Superannuated list, and the number increases; they have worn out for the salvation of souls and now are reaching out their sympathetic hands for help, while they wait for the summons to come up higher; we recommend that each Pastor, Church, Auxiliary and League step up the tempo in cooperating with the State and National Association relative to this needy cause.

O. M. Hilburn,
J. E. Floyd,
W. H. Calvert.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT—

That every officer and teacher be a consecrated Christian and study some constructive course that will better qualify them for the work. We also recommend using Free Will Baptist Literature.

N. W. Holt,
L. D. Gray,
O. H. Beasley.

PERIODICALS REPORT—

That our people use our church papers and literature, in order to keep the fundamentals of the gospel before the people.

Jess Cannon,
Maggie Ford,
Roy Rickard.

AUXILIARY REPORT—

That all churches not having an Auxiliary will organize one within the next year. Also give time in the Minister's Conference to the Women's Auxiliary ,in order that the ministers can set in on their program.

Mrs. Roy Rickard,
Mrs. Zenobia Allen.

LEAGUE REPORT—

That the Association elect a Field Secretary to organize a District League Convention.

That each pastor, organize a F. W. B. League in his church.

Paul Davis,
Hazel Dawkins,
Bessie Howell.

FINANCE REPORT—

That each church support the Six-Point Program, and the annual Association program.

Paul H. Hobbs,
D. D. Hunsucker,
J. P. Langly,
L. H. Clayton.

The Executive Board report was read and adopted.

We, the Executive Board, beg leave to submit the following:

We met in legal session during the Association session, and did by virtue of authority vested in us transact the following business: Westover F. W. B. Church asked for dismissal. Their problem was discussed and they agreed to hold another church conference to reconsider staying with the Association. The Board agreed to grant them a dismissal if they finally requested same.

Free Will Baptist Tabernacle petitionary letter tabled until Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in August, at which time the Executive Board will meet delegates and pastors from the Tabernacle and Arlington Church at Mott Hotel, Lexington, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Carter,
O. M. Hilburn,
Sherman H. Oakes,
D. D. Hunsucker,
E. O. Connelly,
L. M. Pierce,
L. S. Gray.

The Ordination Council report was given and adopted.

We, the Ordination Council of the Piedmont Association, beg leave to submit the following: We met in legal session at Arlington Heights Church, Lexington, on November 1, 1947. And did by virtue of authority vested in

us ordain and set apart Herman Beasley, N. W. Holt, Mitchell Davis, and Jack Langley. We exchanged credentials with D. L. Benton, H. H. Sawyer, and J. W. Sanford.

On November 1, 1947, by request we met with Westover Church and found no legal charges. Advice was given to the church and pastor.

We met with the Minister's Conference April 3, 1948, with Ben Avenue Church, Kannapolis, and ordained Jess Cannon and Harold Goforth. We exchanged credentials with I. W. Plyer. And granted Associational license to L. E. Lawing, Tom Brooks, Joe Martin and H. B. Briggs.

We met with the Annual Association, July 30-31, 1948, at the Cramerton Church, Cramerton, N. C., and ordained H. B. Briggs, Paul A. Brown, Thomas H. Brooks, Joe Martin and B. L. Sawyer. We exchanged credentials with F. W. Graham, and granted Associational License to W. J. Merideth, Wm. Joe Sawyer, Kenneth Yates and Norman Perkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Wade H. Calvert,

L. D. Gray,

Roy Rickard,

Paul Jordon,

J. J. Brooks.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT—

In Treasury last Association -----	\$ 34.34
General Fund Received -----	76.00
Total -----	\$110.34
Paid Rev. J. J. Brooks, for Minutes -----	78.75
Balance in General Fund -----	\$ 31.59

Received on Assembly Ground

Mt. Zion -----	\$ 60.00
Goshen Grove -----	60.00
Ben Avenue -----	40.00
Mable Avenue -----	33.12
Mt. Holly -----	20.00
Washington St. -----	25.00
Entwistle -----	25.00
Minister's Conference -----	25.05
Sunday School Convention -----	30.00

Total -----	\$318.17
Final payment on notes -----	263.66

Balance -----	\$ 54.51
Total in both funds -----	\$ 86.10

D. D. Hunsucker, Treasurer.

HOME MISSION TREASURER'S REPORT--

Balance in treasury	\$169.61
Deese Hunsucker	25.00
Ben Avenue Church	38.77
Mt. Zion Church	76.69
Ridgeway Church	23.75

Total Received	\$333.82
Paid to Orphanage	82.10

Balance in treasury	\$251.72

Clyde Cox, Treasurer.

Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church, East Rockingham, host to the next annual Association.

The charge to those ordained was omitted. The Council laid hands on those set apart to the ministry of the Word and prayed. The Association sang "Amazing Grace" and the right hand of fellowship was given.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church and to Goshen Grove and First Church of Gastonia, for their help in caring for the Association.

Adjournment of the Fifth Annual Session of the Piedmont Free Will Baptist Association followed by prayer.

Walter Carter, Moderator,
Sherman H. Oakes, Clerk.

CLERK'S NOTE—We are going to print up-to-date report forms for every arm of the church work. We must all use uniform report blanks, in order to give a full report and perfect statistics. Our publishing houses do not print forms that meet our needs; as we are out of the horse and buggy days. Please study the statistical tables and you will see the kind of report blanks we will provide for next year's report.

No F. W. B. League statistical report is given, because only a few sent their reports in. See that every arm of the Church makes a report.

We congratulate you for a marvelous work accomplished the past year. I am confident that our report in proportion to number of churches and membership, exceeds any Association in our great denomination.

The Piedmont Association has numerical and financial strength to put anything over that we set our hearts and heads on. Co-workers, there is nothing to keep us from building a tabernacle that will seat three thousand on our beautiful Assembly Ground at Kings Mountain. You who have not visited this property; It is located in the City of Kings Mountain, on North Piedmont Avenue, or Cheerville Road. It is only nine blocks from the heart of the business section and is located on a hill, overlooking the city and the two large mountains.

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS and "LET'S GO HENCE."

List of Delegates

Washington St.—Mrs. Annie Lowery, Earl Brooks, Mrs. Eura Oakes.
Mt. Zion—Bert Davis, Warren Key, Elmer Haskin.
Goshen Grove—Calvin Wise, Herbert Rickard, H. S. Skidmore.
Aleo—Hazel Dawkins, Katie Brigman, Mildred Thompson.
First Gastonia—Joe Smith, G. P. Shepherd, Clarence Harris, Mabel Crook,
 Thelma Queen.
Cramerton—W. A. Brown, John Whitworth.
Caroleen—W. T. Sparks, Zenobia Allen, Kathleen Quinn.
First Marion—J. D. McKinney, Ed Beam, Ralph Hensley, Carl Martin.
Ben Avenue—John Holt, Fred Seabolt, C. W. Cleary.
Mable Avenue—James Cox, W. F. Cox.
Mt. Beulah—Paul Brown, Charles Brown.
Arrington Heights—H. C. Whittington, Clayton Surratt, Charles Ballew.
Roberson Creek—Lee R. Sisk, Norman Stringer, Dan Bradley.
Rocky Path—Lewis Holland, Mrs. Jack Anderson.
Mt. Calvary—Maggie Ford, Clyde Ford.
Tabernacle—O. D. Bivens, Mac Bivens, Albert Church.
Mt. Holly—Norman Perkins, Earnest King, W. F. Bass.

Church Clerks of Piedmont Association

Washington St.—H. C. Kilpatrick, 308 S. Trinton Ext., Gastonia, N. C.
Mt. Zion—Bert Davis, Box 292, Kannapolis, N. C.
Goshen Grove—Frank B. Wisis, N. Belmont, N. C.
Aleo-Entwistle—Joe Campbell, Rockingham, N. C.
First, Gastonia—W. E. Sawyer, Gastonia, N. C.
Cramerton—Clifford Talent, Cramerton, N. C.
Caroleen—Martha Rice, Caroleen, N. C.
First, Marion—Johnnie E. Floyd, Marion, N. C.
Ben Avenue—Miss Alice Seabot, 311 Pine St., Kannapolis, N. C.
Mable Avenue—K. A. Wilhelm, Kannapolis, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—Clayton Steen, % Noah Brown, Rt. 1, Rockingham, N. C.
Arrington Heights—J. P. Langley, 204 Church St., Lexington, N. C.
Roberson Creek—Lee R. Sisk, Rt. 1, Bostic, N. C.
Rocky Path—Mrs. Grover Anderson, Marion, N. C.
Mt. Calvary—Clyde Ford, Rt. 1, Box 261, Rockingham, N. C.
Tabernacle—Mac Bivens, Earlangier, N. C.
Mt. Holly—K. H. Robertson, Mt. Holly, N. C.
St. John—G. J. Putnam, Portsmouth, Va.
Lowell—Mrs. Mitchell Davis, Lowell, N. C.
Wayside—Miss Mildred Sundy, Rockingham, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF PIEDMONT FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
 For the Year Ending July 30, 1948

Churches	Superintendents and Post Offices	No. on Roll	Av. Attendance	Av. Collections	Total Collections	In Treasury	Kind Literature	How Many Classes
Goshen Grove-----	H. B. Rickard, Belmont, R-1-----	223	133	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,228.60	*U. B.	F. W. B.	10
Cramerton-----	J. R. Newton, Cramerton-----	275	150	*N. R.	*N. R.	*U. B.	F. W. B.	8
Caroleen-----	M. T. Sparks, Caroleen-----	146	73	89.00	4,622.66	191.42	F. W. B.	6
Gastonia First-----	W. D. Davis, Smyre Sta., Gastonia-----	103	97	15.00	798.52	*U. B.	F. W. B.	6
Mt. Zion-----	Jack Mills, B. St., Kannapolis-----	125	100	10.00	525.50	140.47	F. W. B.	8
Marion First-----	J. D. McKenney, C. Sta., Marion-----	304	145	18.00	921.74	*U. B.	F. W. B.	8
Mable Avenue-----	James Cox, 1000 C. St., Kannapolis-----	90	69	10.00	542.84	35.39	F. W. B.	6
Mt. Holly-----	J. Z. Dellinger, Mt. Holly-----	115	91	15.00	790.48	151.78	F. W. B.	6
Washington St-----	Sam Ammons-----	125	80	75.00	3,525.00	*U. B.	Cook's	11
Roberson Creek-----	Harlan Fisher, Bostic, R-1-----	50	36	*N. R.	*N. R.	*U. B.	F. W. B.	4
Mt. Beulah-----	Floyd Jacobs, Rockingham, R-1-----	148	85	79.00	3,900.00	300.00	F. W. B.	5
Mt. Calvary-----	Clyde Ford, Rockingham, R-2-----	53	50	10.00	500.00	97.13	F. W. B.	5
F. W. B. Tabernacle-----	Mac Bivens, Lexington, R-4-----	75	50	4.00	173.18	50.07	F. W. B.	3
Ben Avenue-----	D. Hunsucker, R-3, Kannapolis-----	120	70	33.00	338.35	122.31	F. W. B.	6
Grand Total-----	(*No report—*Unified Budget)-----	1952	1269	\$483.00	\$18,850.35	\$1,071.00		92

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OF PIEDMONT FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
 For the Year Ending July 30, 1948

Name of Auxiliary	Membership	Gain	Money Received	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Supernumeration	Charity	Literature Supplies	Incidental	Pastor Help	Building Repair	District Convention	Total	In Treasury	
															\$	
First, Marion-----	20 7	\$1,220.06	\$ 61.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$261.20	\$-----	\$490.20	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$892.30	\$326.00
Mt. Holly-----	19 7	478.00	10.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$21.00	\$-----	\$360.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$478.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$367.00	8.00
Cramerton-----	37-----	55.00	-----	\$-----	\$-----	68.00	\$-----	\$39.72	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$221.00	\$-----	\$39.00	\$221.00	39.00
Goshen Grove-----	23 1	260.00	85.00	\$-----	\$-----	18.50	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$96.00	\$-----	\$149.00	\$96.00	149.00
Ben Avenue-----	15 6	246.92	-----	\$-----	\$-----	57.10	\$-----	\$50.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$148.73	\$-----	\$124.00	\$148.73	124.00
Mt. Zion-----	35 18	272.90	5.00	\$-----	\$-----	100.00	.60	\$25	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$180.00	\$-----	\$10.00	\$180.00	10.00
Washington St-----	10 -----	190.00	-----	\$-----	\$-----	73.13	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	79.13	\$-----	\$14.47	79.13	14.47
Roberson Creek-----	15 7	93.60	-----	\$-----	\$-----	35.00	\$-----	\$15.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	68.00	\$-----	\$7.00	68.00	7.00
Mt. Beulah-----	22 10	75.00	-----	\$-----	\$-----	85.00	\$100.00	\$114.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$114.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$114.00	\$-----
Aleo-Eutwistle-----	12 -----	114.00	-----	\$-----	\$-----	85.00	\$100.00	\$114.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----	\$114.00	\$-----	\$-----	\$114.00	\$-----
Grand Total-----	194 56	\$3,220.00	\$161.00	\$85.00	\$-----	\$668.93	\$60	\$15 \$25	\$641.92	\$-----	\$15 \$25	\$641.92	\$-----	\$15 \$25	\$2,543.13	\$677.47

OFFICIALS WOMEN'S AUXILIARY PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
For Year Ending August 1, 1949

Church Name	President	Address	Secretary	Address
Dist. Convention	Mrs. Roy Rickard	Rt. 1, Belmont, N. C.	Hazel Dawkins	Rt. 1, B. 317, Rockingham, N. C.
1st Vice	Lou Parrott	Rt. 1, Belmont		
2nd Vice	Mrs. W. Calvert	N. Belmont		
3rd Vice	Novella Propst	Rt. 1, Belmont		
4th Vice	Edna Goforth	Rt. 1, Kannapolis		
5th Vice	Mrs. J. Wike	Rt. 2, Concord		
Treasurer	Katie Brigman	Rt. 1, Rockingham		
Aleo	Katie Brigman	Rt. 1, Rockingham	Loise Evans	M. R. Sta. Rockingham
Mt. Holly	Mrs. Jim Lowe	Mt. Holly	Elisebeth Norwood	Rt. 1, Mt. Holly
Cramerton	Myrtle Parrish	Cramerton	Nina Rickard	Rt. 1, Belmont
Goshen	Mrs. Lou Parrott	Rt. 1, Box 501, Belmont	Sally Muse	N. Belmont
Ben Avenue	Mrs. J. A. Wike	Rt. 2, Box 228, Concord	Mrs. D. Hunsucker	Rt. 3, Box 228, Kannapolis
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Lucy Clayton	Kannapolis	Edna Goforth	Rt. 4, Box 544, Kannapolis
Washington St.	Atha Kilpatrick	308 Trinity, Gastonia	Pauline Wooley	W. Franklin Ave., W. Gastonia
Roberson Creek	Mrs. C. Poteat	Rt. 1, Bostic	Colene Siisk	Rt. 1, Bostic
Mt. Beulah	Mrs. Noah Brown	Rt. 1, Rockingham	Clara Goodwin	P. O. Box, East Rockingham

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
of the
Fifth Annual Session
of the
Piedmont Ministers Conference
held with
Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church
Cramerton, North Carolina
July 29, 1948

The Free Will Baptist Ministers of the Piedmont Association gathered in conference with the Cramerton Free Will Baptist Church, Cramerton, on Thursday, July 29, 1948, and promptly at 10:00 o'clock, Moderator Wade H. Calvert, called the conference to song.

The conference sang, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."
Prayer by F. W. Graham.

Elder Roy Rickard, host-pastor, gave the message of welcome.
Moderator declared the house in order for business.

Elder Wade H. Calvert, elected Moderator; Elder Noah Brown, Vice-Moderator; Elder Sherman H. Oakes, Clerk.

Visiting ministers were granted a seat in the conference.
Elder O. M. Hilburn, received from the Albemarle Union.

THURSDAY, 11 A. M.

After a lively song service, Elder E. O. Connelly led in prayer.

Elder Paul Shehan delivered the message, using as the subject, "Uncompromising." An old fashion service of worship and praise was enjoyed.
Adjourned until 2 P. M.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The Minister's Conference convened at 2 o'clock.

Song service was conducted by Elder J. B. Starnes.
Scripture reading and prayer by Elder Horace Poole.
Solo by Elder James W. Self.

Each preacher is to pay for his own meals at the Ministers Conference.
Minister's reports received.

Visiting ministers gave their testimonies and comments.

The Entwistle Church, East Rockingham, host to the next Ministers Conference; which convenes Saturday, 10 a. m., before the first Sunday in November.

A Spirit-filled congregational song service and effectual hand-shaking closed the Conference until 7:30 p. m.

THURSDAY NIGHT, 7:30

Worship hour opened with the following songs; "I'll Pray My Way to Heaven," "If Jesus Holds My Hand I Will Make It Through."

Elder L. H. Clayton led in prayer.

A Quartett, consisting of E. W. O'Dell, Clyde Cox, L. S. Gray, J. B. Starnes, sang "A Heaven to Gain."

Elder Wayne Smith of Canton, N. C., delivered a wonderful message, using as a topic, "The Precious Blood."

A telegram was received from Elder L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn., and read to the conference.

This was a double-header preaching service. After singing, "Amazing Grace," Elder Frank Graham, of Pembroke, N. C., brought a message from Jer. 32:29, "I have given you one heart and one way."

Right hand of fellowship was given Elder Frank Graham into the Piedmont Ministers' Conference.

An offering was taken for the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

Adjourned to meet at Entwistle Free Will Baptist Church, East Rockingham, Saturday, 10 A. M., before the first Sunday in November.

Wade H. Calvert, Moderator,
Sherman H. Oakes, Clerk.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION MINISTERS NOT PASTORING CHURCHES—
Year Ending July 30, 1948

Minister's Name	Mailing Address										
		Sermons Preached		Revivals Held		Professions		Baptized		Married	
Homes Visited		Funerals Conducted		S. S. Lessons Taught		Money Rec'd. for Church		Money Given		Money Received	
											Miles Traveled
M. B. Duncan-----	East Marion, N. C.	105	5	116	14	3		\$ 64.20	\$ 173.38	\$ -----	
O. H. Beasley-----	Rt. 4, Lexington-----	36	5	80	-----	20	1	110.00	125.00	50.00	500
N. W. Holt-----	359 Woodlawn, Cramerton-----	40	-----	25	15	75	2	325.00	35.00	30.00	10,000
Harold Goforth-----	Rt. 4, Box 544, Kannapolis-----	24	6	-----	25	25	45		189.40	40.00	800
H. H. Snyder-----	Box 142, Earlinger-----	10	2	4	15				45.00	25.00	30
J. H. Sams-----	Rt. 3, Gastonia-----	50	3	30	-----	25	1	75.00	30.00	500	500
J. P. Langley-----	204 Ch. St., Lexington-----	21	-----	23	43			260.39		1,500	
L. M. Hooper-----	Rt. 4, Kannapolis-----	45	15	5	75	1		145.00	25.00	-----	1,000
Paul Davis-----	Caroleen-----	1	6	2	-----						
H. B. Briggs-----	Rt. 1, Box 275, Belmont-----	9	1	7	20	5		20.00	30.00	10.00	150
R. P. Sawyer-----	Rt. 2, Salisbury-----	24	-----	25	10	10		50.00	15.00	25.00	
Edd Reece-----	300 Flowe St., Kannapolis-----	68	1	43	2	30	1	178.00	98.00	30.00	1,100
A. W. Graham-----	711 S. Broadway, Forest City-----	36	-----	3	6				16.83	69.48	200
Ida Lawing-----	Rt. 4, Box 535-A, Kannapolis-----	25	14	50	40						
P. L. Coxey-----	Box 603, Gastonia-----	52	2	50	50			10.00	26.00	10.00	1,000
J. R. Martin-----	Rt. 1, Mt. Holly-----	12	7	15	6			15.00		15.00	100
H. L. Jones-----	6 D. St., Lincolnton-----	15	11	10	9			85.00			
L. C. Lawing-----	Rt. 4, % Hooper, Kannapolis-----	30	-----					60.00	15.00	50.00	1,000
Jess Cannon-----	Box 55, Lessle, S. C.-----	50	1	20	50						
Grand Total		652	19	495	44	501	9	\$1,504.99	\$634.21	\$354.48	8,670

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES—For Year Ending July 30, 1948

Name of Church	Location	Rec'd by Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Statement	Total	Dismissed by Letter	By Expulsion	By Erasure	By Death	Total	Loss	Gain	Present Membership	Paid Pastor	Evangelists	Missions	Orphanage	Education	Superannuation	Benevolence	Incidental	General Fund	Building and Repair	In Treasury	Total	Value Church Property	Value Parsonage	Value Furnishings, Equipment	Amt. of Indebtedness	
Washington St.	West Gastonia, N. C.	3	-	-	9	12	-	-	24	1	25	13	-	107	\$ 4,165.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 109.00	\$ 73.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 61.00	\$ 512.16	\$ 5	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 66.76	\$ 7,752.27	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	
Mt. Zion	Kannapolis, N. C.	24	5	-	21	50	6	-	22	1	29	-	21	233	3,187.40	354.00	758.50	61.00	-	-	75.00	-	10	799.91	838.41	6,287.80	20,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	-	
Goshen Grove	N. Belmont	18	2	-	21	41	8	-	-	-	8	-	25	328	3,530.00	794.00	-	115.00	100.00	555.00	25.00	500.00	-	10	1,112.28	118.31	5,724.59	10,000.00	7,500.00	5,000.00	550.00
Aleo-Entwistle	Rockingham, N. C.	50	-	2	28	150	2	-	-	3	5	-	145	450	3,900.00	800.00	105.00	100.00	555.00	25.00	-	-	141.20	5	3,000.00	2,000.00	10,940.00	15,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	-
Mt. Holly	Mt. Holly, N. C.	1	-	-	19	20	-	-	15	-	15	-	5	155	3,853.23	108.06	195.00	-	25.00	-	-	-	72.25	5	126.95	2,169.00	4,949.44	10,000.00	-	-	
First	Gastonia, N. C.	23	-	-	42	65	4	-	-	15	-	4	-	61	192	2,460.00	160.00	25.00	100.00	-	-	-	-	206.00	149.00	3,548.38	5,000.00	-	-	-	
Cramerton	Cramerton, N. C.	45	-	-	39	84	20	2	-	-	22	-	62	136	3,600.00	560.00	83.00	45.00	-	-	-	-	-	2,200.00	7,130.00	25,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,260.00		
Caroleen	Caroleen, N. C.	2	-	-	3	5	3	-	-	-	3	-	2	131	2,390.00	120.00	-	50.00	-	-	-	-	5	2,544.42	-	5,059.42	40,000.00	3,500.00	-	-	
First	Marion, N. C.	108	-	-	101	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	100	264	2,690.00	714.79	307.14	81.00	10.00	-	-	-	-	2	1,848.31	-	5,631.29	15,000.00	-	-	-
Ben Avenue	Kannapolis, N. C.	11	13	-	10	34	-	-	1	1	1	-	32	97	1,967.75	363.95	-	30.16	-	-	67.01	-	301.87	5	501.01	172.00	3,403.85	4,500.00	-	-	
Mable Avenue	Kannapolis, N. C.	-	2	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	105	1,538.95	60.00	76.64	50.00	-	-	-	-	23.14	3	40.76	50.87	1,681.06	4,000.00	-	2,500.00	
Mt. Beulah	Hamlet, N. C.	54	-	-	38	3	-	-	3	-	35	92	1,820.00	518.83	63.16	50.00	60.00	-	-	-	-	-	5	1,282.00	-	3,748.99	8,000.00	-	-	-	
Arrington Hights	Lexington, N. C.	1	1	-	12	13	1	-	15	-	16	3	-	37	405.10	190.10	36.33	110.40	-	-	-	-	45.00	3	374.48	19.28	1,164.41	5,500.00	-	-	-
Roberson Creek	Bostic, N. C.	3	1	5	-	9	-	-	-	-	9	59	-	100.00	273.00	59.66	-	-	-	129.75	-	130.73	5	27.44	191.78	917.36	1,500.00	-	250.00	-	
Rocky Pass	Marion, N. C.	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	1	21	234.30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.55	4	46.06	16.75	321.50	-	-	-	-	
Mt. Calvary	Rockingham, N. C.	-	-	-	7	7	3	-	-	-	3	-	4	34	200.00	80.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1,000.00	-	1,285.50	5,000.00	-	-	-	
Tabernacle	Earlanger, N. C.	8	-	18	26	1	-	-	1	-	25	58	452.48	159.95	-	19.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	542.06	-	1,179.24	2,000.00	-	-	-	
	Grand Total	353	24	7	230	709	54	2	75	8	131	17	527	2509	\$36,667.21	\$5,613.67	\$1,750.00	\$910.22	\$704.75	\$35.00	\$833.46	\$1,400.00	\$78	\$15,150.00	\$7,990.00	\$70,815.00	\$185,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$19,750.00	\$7,810.00	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS WHO PASTORED CHURCHES—For Year Ending July 30, 1948

Minister's Name	Mailing Address	Name and Location of Church	No. Churches	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Professions	Members Received	Baptized	Married	Homes Visited	Funerals Conducted	S. S. Lessons Taught	Money Rec'd. for Church	Money Given	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Expenses	
Sherman H. Oakes	113 Drake St., Gastonia, N. C.	Washington St., W. Gastonia, N. C.	1	80	-	12	50	2	12	\$ 600.00	2,000	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 500.00					
Walter B. Carter	Box 261, Rockingham	Aleo-Entwistle, E. Rockingham	1	190	9	245	150	30	6	22	-	390.00	400.00	-	3,900.00	500.00		
Wade H. Calvert	North Belmont	Goshen, North Belmont	1	243	9	836	41	18	-	400	20	3	300.00	500.00	11,000	4,944.50	450.00	
L. H. Clayton	Kannapolis	Mt. Zion, Kannapolis	1	150	5	530	50	35	2	75	4	15	-	390.00	6,000	3,799.41	300.00	
Roy Rickard	Rt. 1, Belmont	Cramerton, Cramerton	1	165	4	175	84	45	3	200	5	35	1,500.00	400.00	-	3,600.00		
J. E. Floyd	Marion	First, Marion	1	181	5	290	61	101	14	950	29	-	-	390.00	20,000	3,061.00	1,000.00	
E. O. Connelly	Rt. 1, Forest City	Caroleen, Caroleen	1	104	1	-	5	-	-	6	50	-	263.00	-	2,390.00			
L. M. Pierce	418 N. Morehead, Gastonia	First, Gastonia	1	94	1	46	65	15	-	400	6	12	-	275.00	3,000	2,635.00		
J. B. Starnes	318 Bethpage, Kannapolis	Ben Avenue, Kannapolis	1	102	2	34	34	10	4	-	2	5	3,403.85	292.00	-	2,077.75		
O. M. Hilburn	Elizabeth City	St. Pauls, Elizabeth City	1	104	2	9	2	1	2	50	2	50	-	300.00	15,000	2,600.00	275.00	
Noah S. Brown	Rt. 1, Rockingham	Mt. Beulah, Hamlet	1	215	4	165	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	250.00	-	2,168.00		
L. S. Gray	McAdenville	Clover, Clover, S. C.	1	48	1	36	44	23	-	30	2	4	6.90	2.08	1,200	356.00	180.00	
F. G. Lawing	Rt. 4, Box 535-A, Kannapolis	Peoples, Kannapolis	1	165	-	-	24	21	1	101	-	10	200.00	300.00	-	500.00		
Dewey Tilley	910 N. Walnut, Kannapolis	Arrington Hights, Lexington	1	70	-	4	13	1	-	69	2	-	-	58.00	5,700	420.00	173.40	
B. B. Melton	Rt. 2, Bostic	Rocky Path, Marion	1	100	2	35	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	334.30		
Mitchell Davis	Lowell	Lowell, Lowell	1	80	1	45	16	11	-	350	-	35	-	260.00	4,000	95.00	250.00	
H. L. Buckner	Lanchester, S. C.	Lanchester, Lanchester, S. C.	1	45	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	378.71	95.00	
J. J. Brooks	R. F. D. 2, Concord	Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly	1	150	4	125	20	1	-	25	3	-	234.00	-	-	3,853.23		
Grand Total			18	2286	50	2593	625	222	28	2710	110	229	\$6,034.75	\$5,834.75	67,900	\$41,310.90	\$3,723.40	

